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TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PL

SUBJ: CARDINAL WOJTYLA'S VISIT TO U.S.

REF: WARSAW 6128

1. ON BASIS OF REFTEL WE SENT MEMO TO NSC URGING THAT PRESIDENT RECEIVE CARDINAL WOJTYLA. WHITE HOUSE APPROVAL FOR SUCH A CALL REACHED US LATE SEPT 2. DESK OFFICER CALLED FATHER MAJKA, POLISH-AMERICAN PRIEST INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THE CARDINAL'S TWO VISITS TO THIS COUNTRY. MAJKA QUICKLY TRACKED DOWN CARDINAL'S WHEREABOUTS IN MICHIGAN BUT WAS UNABLE TO GET MESSAGE OF INVITATION TO CARDINAL UNTIL LATER IN EVENING (INVITATION WAS FOR 9:30 SATURDAY MORNING).

2. MAJKA CALLED DESK OFFICER TO SAY CARDINAL UNFORTUNATELY UNABLE TO CHANGE HIS PLANS FOR SATURDAY, APPOINTMENTS IN NEW YORK COULD NOT BE CHANGED. PRESSED FOR FURTHER EXPLANATION, MAJKA SAID CARDINAL'S DECISION NOT TO COME TO WHITE HOUSE WAS IRREVOCABLE. "JUST BETWEEN US," MAJKA CONTINUED, GROUP OF POLISH BISHOPS HAD VOTED BEFORE COMING TO U.S. NOT TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO WHITE HOUSE IF EXTENDED.

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DESK OFFICER HAD EARLIER MADE CLEAR FORCE AND URGENCY OF

MESSAGE WHICH HAD BEEN PASSED TO OUR EMBASSY IN WARSAW FROM  
HIGH OFFICIAL IN CHURCH. MAJKA ONLY COMMENTED THAT THERE  
IS A LOT OF POLITICS INSIDE THE POLISH CHURCH; HE WOULD  
HAVE BEEN SURPRISED IF CARDINAL HAD ACCEPTED WHITE HOUSE IN-  
VITATION BECAUSE WOJTYLA HAD DECIDED DURING HIS EARLIER  
TRIP HERE (1969) THAT IT WAS BETTER FOR HIM NOT TO CALL ON  
THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING EMBASSY'S EVALUATION OF  
THIS DENOUEMENT. ROBINSON

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